

Appl. No. 09/940,471
Amdt AF dated August 22, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of July 11, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed on July 11, 2005. Claims 195, 201-206, 209-211 and 213-217 remain pending, with all other claims now cancelled without prejudice.

In paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Final Office Action, various rejections were presented. Each of those rejections was directed to claims that have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejections discussed in those paragraphs are now moot.

In paragraph 7 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 195, 201-206, 209-211, and 213-217. As these are now the only pending claims, it is believed that the Application is in condition for allowance.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

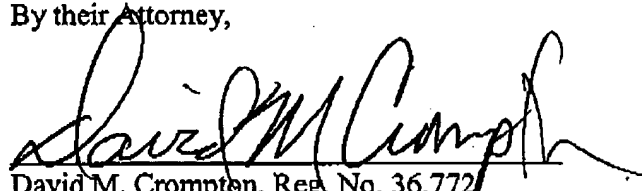
Respectfully submitted,

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